CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A ventilation pipe protector comprising:

a tubular sleeve having a sleeve outside diameter smaller than a ventilation pipe inside diameter, the sleeve comprising an inlet end for receiving a gas;

a hollow head attached to an end of the sleeve opposite the inlet end to allow the gas to flow from the sleeve into the head, the head having a head outside diameter larger than the sleeve outside diameter and comprising a plurality of passageways sized to allow egress of the gas from the head and to prevent ingress of animals and debris into the head.

- 2. The ventilation-pipe protector of claim 1, wherein the head comprises a convex shaped end opposite an end of the head attached to the sleeve.
- 3. The ventilation-pipe protector of claim 1, wherein the head comprises a peaked end opposite an end of the head attached to the sleeve.
- 4. The ventilation-pipe protector of claim 1, wherein the head outside diameter is larger than a ventilation pipe outside diameter.
- 5. The ventilation-pipe protector of claim 1, wherein the sleeve comprises a plurality of passageways sized to allow the gas to flow from the ventilation pipe into the sleeve.
- 6. The ventilation-pipe protector of claim 1, further comprising a washer disposed around the sleeve and abutting the head, the washer comprising a washer inside diameter larger than the sleeve outside diameter and smaller than the head outside diameter, and an outside diameter larger than the ventilation pipe outside diameter.
 - 7. A ventilation pipe protector comprising:

a tubular sleeve having a sleeve outside periphery smaller than a ventilation pipe inside periphery, the sleeve comprising an inlet end for receiving a gas; and a hollow head attached to an end of the sleeve opposite the inlet end to allow the gas to flow from the sleeve into the head, the head having a head outside periphery larger than the sleeve outside periphery and comprising a plurality of passageways sized to allow egress of the gas from the head and to prevent ingress of animals and debris into the head.